

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 488

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Don McMurray of Kingston.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Don McMurray; and

WHEREAS, Don McMurray was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on November 9, 1927, Mr. McMurray was the son of Ralph C. and Helen Rose McMurray; following his mother's death eight days after his birth, he and his siblings were raised by their surrogate parents: their maternal grandfather, C. M. Rose, and their maternal aunts, Mary Ruth Rose and Rachel "Tots" Liggett; and

WHEREAS, Don McMurray served in the United States Army during the occupation of Japan and completed his college degree when he returned home; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McMurray served with acumen and alacrity for thirty-five years at the Y-12 plant working for Union Carbide and Martin Marietta, primarily managing the Stores Department and the TAT School; and

WHEREAS, active in his community, Don McMurray served a term on the Roane County School Board, volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, and, for a time, was an active member of the Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McMurray was a devout member of First Baptist Church of Kingston, where he was baptized as a child; and

WHEREAS, Don McMurray was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McMurray enjoyed the loving companionship of Jo Logan McMurray, his wife of sixty-six years, and was the proud father of David McMurray and Sara Beth Silverman; he was the beloved grandfather of Donald McMurray, Cole Silverman, and Nathan Silverman and the treasured great-grandfather of Blake Silverman; and

WHEREAS, Don McMurray leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Don McMurray, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. McMurray.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.